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HOW VANILLA GROWS.

Two Methods of Preparing the Pods for Market—The Plant.
Vanilla belongs to the orchid family and is a sarmentous plant furnished with thick, oblong, glaucous green leaves. The vine sometimes attains a height of forty-five feet. It begins to bear the third year after planting and continues bearing thirty years. Each vine annually produces from forty to fifty-five capsules or seed pods, which are gathered before reaching complete maturity between April and June.

For the first method of preparation they are gathered after they have lost their green tint, and are then exposed to the sun in wooden sheets which have previously been thoroughly heated. They are then put into boxes covered with a cloth, and are again heated in the sun, twelve or fifteen hours, after which they should assume a coffee color. If this is not obtained they must be covered and again exposed, the whole process lasting about two months, after which they are packed securely, fifty each, in tin boxes.

By the second method about a thousand pods are tied together and plunged into boiling water to bleach them, after which they are exposed to the sun, and then dried with oil or wrapped in oiled cotton to prevent them from shriveling. During the drying process the pods exude a sticky liquid, which is expedited by gentle pressure two or three times a day. By this process the pods lose about a quarter of its original size. The best quality pods are seven to nine inches in length, and large in proportion, and possess in greater abundance the characteristic and agreeable perfume which gives it its value.

The vine is sometimes covered with a silvery efflorescence producing an essential salt similar to that found in the pod, and this is diffused on the outside of the capsule. It is called vanilla rime, and is great demand in the Bordeaux market. Vanilla is seen in perfumery and in flavoring confectionary and liquors. It is supposed to possess powers similar to camphor, while it is much more grateful. Its production in Réunion has increased in the past forty years from a few pounds to nearly half a million, and that colony is now the principal rival and competitor of Mexico. The total import into France rose from about 200,000 pounds in 1880 to about 260,000 in 1886, but the annual import fluctuates considerably.—London Times.

Insulting Properties.
Since I was 10 years old there are a few things that have always made me mad, and one was to ask me, the minute I mentioned approvingly a man's name, whether he was married or not. What answer did it make? And another was to have a man change his tone and manner to me when he got married. Mr. Brownell talks about the man finding the woman, treating him differently when he marries. I assure him that is not half asinine as when the man who has known me since I was as high as the table and called me Mollie all my life begins to address me as "Miss Bawn" the minute he gets a wife. What did he mean by calling me Mollie at all ever, if it was something that controversies the rights of his wife? I was not engaged to him; he was not my lover. I thought we were the simplest, matter-of-course old friends. But, lo! it seems there was something more. In accordance with his view, now I have a right to be insulted over the past, it seems to me. I'd get a divorce from a man I married at once becomes principal and bears interest.

The Silver Lake Chapel Association met Wednesday night and elected the following Trustees: Edward Heckstone yard, T. H. Decker, T. H. Hardman, two years; J. B. Maxfield, C. L. Potter, three years. A plan of Mr. Oscar Hale for building the chapel was adopted.

The Fairview Heights Literary Society has taken a new departure—allowing one or more members to occupy full time in monologues or dialogue. A story, a notable speech, etc., may be rendered in place of the regular programme.

The Silver Lake Improvement Association held a public meeting Tuesday night and thoroughly discussed Belleville's new bonding scheme. Only three votes—one of an alien—were cast against the resolution to report to the Legislature a bill to annex Silver Lake to Bloomfield.

Mrs. C. L. Potter of Harrison St. is entertaining Mr. Elvus Metcalf and wife of Boston. Mr. Metcalf is connected with the Courier and is one of the Hub's most celebrated *litterateurs*.

At the Fairview mass meeting on Monday night, the utmost good order and good feeling prevailed. It was unanimously resolved to push Mr. Charles L. Seibert for a place on the Township Committee at the coming election. Mr. Seibert is a man of solid honor and distinction, a heavy taxpayer, largely interested in religious and benevolent enterprises, enterprising and eminently fitted for enterprise.

The recent revival at Silver Lake Hall, conducted by Brother Cook of the Bloomfield Baptist Church, has awakened a widespread interest in things religious, hereabouts.

Mr. Harmon Speer died at her home on Franklin street Sunday evening last after a short illness. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the Rev. Gyo. A. Paul officiating. Mrs. Speer leaves an infant daughter. Her death occasions a deep and heartfelt sorrow.

The Literary Society have adjourned over one meeting in respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Harmon P. Spear.

At the regular meeting of the Fairview Improvement Association, Monday evening, Feb. 25th, the following resolution was passed:

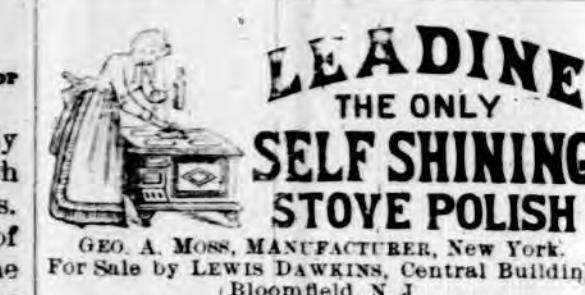
Whereas, The Fairview Improvement Association having heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Harmon Spear, Resolved, That the Association extend their heartfelt sympathy to its members, to the surviving members of the family, in their hour of affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

WILLIAM E. BEVANS.

Sec'y.

There was a good attendance at the Montgomery Musical Society at the residence of Mr. George Cadmus, Montgomery street, Monday night. A very interesting program was presented.



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